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## **Memorandum**

TO: The Honorable Edward Gaffney, Chairman  
Members, Health Policy Committee  
Michigan House of Representatives

FROM: Sean Gehle, Vice President, Advocacy  
Felicia Wasson, Director of Public Policy

RE: **HB 4455-Minority Health**

DATE: February 27, 2006

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On behalf of St. John Health, thank you for the opportunity to support HB 4455, pending before this committee.

As an integral part of the private healthcare safety net, we are committed to the health and safety of our patients. Programs committed to addressing health concerns of our minority population are in direct alignment with our mission of providing health care that "leaves no one behind." Many of St. John Health's Community Health division programs are targeted specifically to address minority health concerns. We believe that our work in the following areas correspond with the intent of this legislation:

- School based health centers
- Diabetes prevention and maintenance
- Access to primary care
- Community Health Education
- HIV/AIDS Awareness
- Abstinence

It is for these reasons that we support the passage of HB 4455. We thank you for considering our views. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the Ascension Health-Michigan Advocacy office at (517) 482-1422.